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**OWINGS MILLS MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION
OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Alexander Massari, age 40, of Owings Mills, Maryland was sentenced today to 10 years in prison for possession of child pornography, followed by supervised release for life, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. U.S. District Judge Andre M. Davis also ordered that Massari register as a sex offender.

According to the statement of facts provided to the court as part of his September 1, 2006 plea agreement, the FBI received information in 2004 that identified Massari as a suspected customer of a business that for a fee would provide customers with access to a child pornography website. In April 2005, FBI agents searched Massari's home and recovered from a desktop computer found in his bedroom correspondence between Massari and the child porn business, confirming that Massari had paid for passwords and access information to the child pornography service. Between 10 and 150 images of child pornography were also uncovered, including an image of a six year old female. Also included is a picture of a nude female under the age of 18 with the words "cut me" and "hurt me" written in icing on her body. Additionally, Massari's computer contained a series of emails between Massari and an adult female discussing the possibility that they, along with the adult female's daughter described as a minor, would meet for a sexual encounter.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the investigative work performed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Rosenstein also thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael C. Hanlon, who is prosecuting the case.